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## Marc Gervais: Man in the know

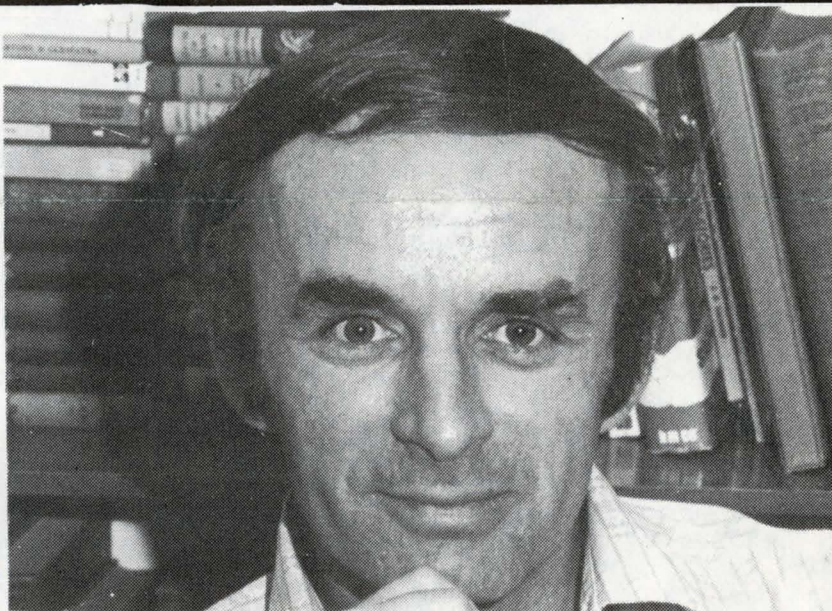
The mere mention of the name Marc Gervais brings a warm smile to most faces at Loyola. He is a charming, likeable man who seems to enjoy unparalleled popularity throughout the campus.

His popularity with his Communication Arts film students probably derives from his attitude toward teaching. For Gervais, "the experience of teaching is a sharing of my enthusiasm for the things I believe in with young adults. That's the most nourishing, rewarding thing. That's why I stay with it. It sounds a bit pretentious, but it's true."

The 46-year-old associate professor is, as well, a prominent film expert. He is the author of a book on Pasolini and has written some fifty articles on cinema for "a scruffy combination" of journals, magazines and newspapers throughout Europe and North America including *Sight and Sound*, *Take One*, *Cinema Canada* and *Cinéma Québec*. He is also a regular contributor of feature material on film to the *Montreal Gazette*.

Despite his years of experience and his expertise in cinema, Gervais is "at heart still an innocent dazzled by the magic (of film)." The only thing that has changed is that "if it's junk, I find myself much more intolerant now."

Although he is closest to what he calls the "richest period in film history - Europe in the '50s and '60s," he still enjoys the movies from Hollywood in its heyday. "I love the mythic characters of the past: Cooper, Tray, both Hepburns - Katherine and Audrey, Garbo of course..." And he went on and on in marked contrast to his hesitant response to a question about favourite actors of today. "That's a difficult one. The British are way ahead in terms of actors...it's not the age of stars anymore..." He finally managed to name three actors: "Michael Caine in his better films and Redford and Newman when they're not too cute."



### Gervais: Not a good time for films

Bergman's "Cries and Whispers" was one of Gervais' top films of the '70s and he had no difficulty citing his least favourite: "Marathon Man" makes me angry because of the violence...the blood lust of the audience is frightening."

According to Gervais, the attitude of "feed the people spectacle" is becoming more and more prevalent. "Things are wishy-washier (today) and go more for titillation, less for style." Many films "pander to the worst aspects of the human psyche" and feed "voyeurism" to audiences which seem to have lost their "moral sense."

"We are on the verge of a tiny boom," says Gervais on the Canadian film industry. The reason is a loosening of Canadian tax laws for film investment concurrent with a tightening of these laws in the U.S. It won't be all smooth sailing. Unless "we let people of artistic and intellectual integrity have their voice.... there is an enormous danger of becoming cheap producers of cheap pseudo-American schlock."

This is "not a great age for film" confesses Gervais sadly. "By nature I'm an optimist; change that to a more or less

cynical optimist. I may not see positive changes, but I'm hoping for them."

He's hoping for changes in university education as well: "I had hoped, perhaps naively, that the merger would permit both institutions to develop according to their own options. This would have been incredibly enriching."

"Although it has brought a lot of positive things, the great disappointment is that it is destroying any kind of individuality. Diversity is very important in our modern culture."

"We are in danger of becoming, even more, a branch of the civil service. Too many shots are being called by government functionaries in Quebec. They seem to totally ignore that other role (of the university) which is to raise serious questions about any existing systems; to be subversive in the sense that (it should try to change inhuman aspects that need to be changed."

"My area of hope is a very modest one, but real. I think that educators imply have to start examining their own beliefs, what they stand for. We have to have a rebirth of consciousness first and out of that will come the birth of a more human university."



## Mood of the Faculty Club

The mood of the Loyola Faculty Club was more up than down the day after the election.

The Parti Quebecois's victory infused a spirit of optimism tinged with fear.

A cheery French Canadian said: "From this day on, a French sun will shine on Quebec."

But just how that sun will shine on the minorities was a matter of great concern at the club.

"This isn't funny," said a commerce professor. "It may well mean that we shall be forced to leave."

HE was pooh-poohed, but insisted on pressing his point. "What is implicit here is that the French, to protect their own culture, must cripple ours."

He also worried about his own personal investments and financial opportunities which he said would be damaged if a socialist government, as the PQ suggests it is, came to power.

"To think I had a chance for tenure at the U of T in '72," he said, then adding under his breath, "but God, I hate Toronto. I like it here."

In different ways, other people at the club felt much the same way. There was fear, of course, but there was also a delight that the Liberals had been defeated.

Even the Commerce professor who voted for them couldn't conceal a gleam of joy at their defeat.

A lecturer, picked up that morning's Gazette with Terry Mosher's priceless cartoon, showing Levesque calming the public with the words: "Take a valium."

There was real hope in Levesque himself, who almost everyone liked. And more particularly, yet more vaguely, there was hope that the PQ would take steps to enliven life in Quebec to make it

more attractive rather than to compel people to join something they don't want to.

If all that sounds a little confused, take it as the mood of the club, because if nothing else, confusion reigned.

But what if attractions fail? Would compulsion be used? Most everyone agreed it would. The PQ has promised that the hated Bill 22 tests would stop. But what would replace them?

"Getting rid of the tests," said an

English professor, who has worked for the New Democratic Party, "is not that simple. You can't tell an Anglophone simply by his name. What if a guy called Eisenhower arrives from the States?"

Another expressed the fear that the usual mechanical procedures of state would be established. Namely an immigration department. Immigrants would be designated as much. The day of "Your papers please" could be upon us.

It was fair to say that not everyone was riveted to the subject. At one time, the conversation drifted to an equally interesting subject, as to whether film like the Exorcist and the Omen had any merit.

It's easy to stress the points of concern, they being more exciting, than the hopeful, vague remarks on the positive side.

On the positive side, there were few remarks. But there was a certain excited giddiness in the air.

And if not certainty that the PQ was a change for the better, then there was a definite feeling of hope that it was.

## Deans handle A & S talks

The debate over the future of Loyola's sole faculty of Arts and Science has moved from the Senate to be studied by a committee of deans.

The broader issue is the disposition of the Concordia Science program which must be fused into one by order of Quebec.

Jack Bordan, vice rector academic, came up with two possible solutions in a formal report last June. 1) That Loyola Science merge with Sir George Science. 2) That Sir George Science merge with Loyola Arts and Science.

Dean Russell Breen, Loyola's only dean among six, agreed with the Sir George proposal to strike a committee to study the problem of central issues in the debate, assign priorities among the issues, attempt to come up with a unanimous solution and report back to Senate in February, with progress reports through December and January. (At the time of the Senate meeting, the Parti Quebecois had not formed a government.)

At the Senate meeting, there was much discussion about the wisdom of the suggested procedure.

The Rector noted that while Senate is waiting for results from the group of Deans, "It might be desirable, at least in science departments, to work on a solution at that level." He later assured senators from Science that if this motion were passed, Senate would then consider

whether there were "terms of reference" that could be given to science departments in the meantime.

Three student senators voiced unhappiness with the Berczi motion. Gervase Bushe thought the deans were "too late", that they should have got together a year ago, and that the proposed procedure might create a bad precedent.

Kevin Quinn agreed that setting up this kind of body might be a good idea, but said he wasn't sure the deans constituted the most competent membership. Others with "potential input" would be left out; and the proposal would put Senate in the position of discussing only what it was told to discuss.

John Mathewson too spoke against "arbitrary" membership of the proposed group. He was skeptical that a unanimous deans' decision would carry much clout with Senate if senators hadn't been involved in the discussions, and he wondered if just as much could not be accomplished by letting Senate continue the debate.

Maurice Cohen of Sir George Mathematics took exception to the motion, agreeing with Bushe that the deans had "had a long time" to get together and that giving them three months now was "dreaming." "Science has been on the operating table for two years. Surgeons lose patients," said Cohen. He was adamant that science departments needed to do something immediately. "We can't be left hanging," he said.

Many members of Senate spoke in favour of the Berczi motion. Professor McEvenue thought further progress in discussions would come only out of a small group, and the best membership for that group was the deans.

Ian Campbell, Dean of Sir George Arts, maintained that in the proposed committee's deliberations, "everything goes on the table". The committee would not work just within the bounds of arts and science, and "nothing should be sacred," said Campbell. He spoke of the deans getting together as a ripening process that had evolved among six people with common interests.

Dean Stanley French of Graduate Studies wondered why he hadn't been included in the proposed committee, since graduate studies had become a major issue in the arts and science debate.

Professor Despland reminded Senate that the Berczi proposal was only one of three proposals brought up at the meeting. He felt Senate — or the committee, should it succeed Senate in handling the debate — must make a point of considering the other two proposals lest they got lost in the shuffle. Dean Campbell assured Senate that the committee would actively encourage a flow of data and ideas.



## Laying-up the colors

The Union Jack was paraded to the Loyola Chapel Nov. 6, in what was perhaps the last ceremony of its type in Quebec's history.

Oddly enough, most of those who paraded the colors would have rather paraded the Canadian flag.

The Union Jack, or King's Colors, which every regiment in World War I, was compelled to carry, never sat well with the Irish.

But to lay their regimental colors up in the chapel, after they disintegrated four years ago, the Union Jack had to be paraded too.

Just before 10 a.m., the rain stopped and the sun came out, which undoubtedly had something to do with a cablegram to Father Patrick Malone from the organizers, requesting good weather.

After receiving the flags from the Jesuit Residence at the North End of the Loyola Campus, the Royal Montreal Regiment and the Royal Canadian Artillery band commenced the march to the Chapel. The flags were cased and were not unfurled until the consecration ceremony because they are not regimental colors until officially consecrated as such.

The escort to the colors and the band were formed before the chapel. Regimental drums were stacked, the colors unfurled. The colors were laid upon the altar of drums to be consecrated by Rev. Henry Smeaton, S.J.

Col. Vincent Walsh and Maj. Norman Dann, former Loyola C.O.T.C. officers, representing the Irish Canadian Rangers, received the colors from Lieutenant General Frank Fluery, former quartermaster general of the Canadian Forces. Once received from General Fluery, the standard bearers marched to the altar. The colors were taken from the standard bearers by Father Gaudet and placed in the flag stands for the formal laying up ceremony conducted by Father Gaudet.

The Memorial Alumni Mass was celebrated by Rev. Lionel Stanford S.J.

The congregation retired to the F.C. Smith Auditorium for the showing of the film, *The North and South Irish at the Front*, which shows the Irish Canadian Rangers on a tour of Ireland after the Easter Rising of 1916. Mr. Stuart Peters, whose father served with the ICRs, discussed the film and introduced Erskine Buchanan, a former officer with the ICRs, who talked about the regiment and his experiences with it in the Great War.



Consecration of the colours 1916



Consecration of the colours 1976



## Stingers need your help

The Stinger's Hockey Team commenced their ticket sale to help offset the travel expenses for their tour of Czechoslovakia, between December 15th and January 5th.

The Stingers will play 8 games against the top Junior and College Clubs in the CSSR. Head Coach, Paul Arseneault is expecting to take 20 players, 2 managers, trainer Russ Blackwell, along with Assistant Coach, Bob Philip on the 21 day tour.

The Stingers hope to attract enough support through the raffle of the Toyota Corolla 1200 HT, to offset most of the \$10,000 expected cost for air travel return to Prague. Along with the cooperation of Toyota of Canada and Spinelli Toyota of Lachine, the Stingers have so far received help or promise of help from The Bauer Company, The National Hockey School of Ste. Anne de Bellevue, SAS Airlines, Sealtest Dairies, Lowe Dairies of Lachine and the wholehearted support of the University Community.

The importance of this trip for Concordia and Collegiate Hockey in Canada cannot be underestimated. The trip not only offers most of the Stinger players with the highlight of their hockey careers, but will also be a source of encouragement and international publicity for Canadian Collegiate hockey. The Stingers, at this stage, not quite as powerful as last year's 43-3-1 record holders will still be an outstanding club this year, and in some aspects may be stronger than last years team. The main strength after 6 National Conference games against 4 of the top teams in the nation, seems to be at centre and on defense.

Veteran forwards, Glen Tomalty and

John Harris, along with rookie Kim Elliott hold down the center spots and Michel Blais, Bob Lagarde, Dwight Mick and Dave oyd have all performed exceptionally well on defense. Goaltender Mike Griffin has also played well as replacement for All-Canadian, Jim Corsi.

The Hockey Team would appreciate the support of the press and media, in publicizing the Raffle and the Companies that have offered their assistance.

## History Journal

One of the most interesting publications to come out of Concordia University last year, was the Loyola History Students' Journal.

So successful was their reception on campus last year, they were encouraged to try for a wider audience this year.

Now they wish to offer this year's journal for general subscription at a cost of \$2.50 for two issues, one for each term. Money orders and cheques are to be sent to the Loyola History Students Association Inc., 6935 Sherbrooke Street West. Include 25 cents for postal charges.

Last year's journal covered the Winnipeg General Strike of 1919, the development of political violence in South Africa and Canada's de-Indianizing education system for native peoples.

Last year it was a surprisingly good read for a student publication.

## Letter

I am writing this letter in regards to the fact that many Loyola grads such as myself live in the Toronto area. We are glad to receive the newsletter but we fell as though we can only view things from a distance. The way things look more and more grads will end up in this region. Can we form an alumni association branch here? Can you be of any help whether

morally or financially? I'd be very interested in hearing from you

Sincerely

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**Ed. Those interested in Mr. Grossi's suggestion should write to him. Then Mr. Grossi can contact the Alumnus with news of his response and we can take appropriate action.**

## Religious studies

Hamilton may not be the cradle of civilization or the birthplace of religion, but it is a city where some important discoveries concerning the development of Judaism and Christianity may be made.

A study entitled "Judaism and Christianity in the Greco-Roman ear: the Process of Achieving Normative Self-Definition" is being carried out at McMaster University's Department of Religious Studies and Loyola's own Theological Studies chairman Sean McEvenue is one of the members of the research group.

The aim of the five year Canada Council funded study is to determine how Judaism and Christianity came to achieve distinct and lasting identities.

"Around the Renaissance," explains McEvenue, "there was this thing call Judaism and this thing called Christianity; you either belonged to one or you didn't. They were both monolithic.

The research team is making a major departure from traditional religious research in that the two religions will be treated on an equal basis and the same question - that of self-definition - will be applied to each.

# ALUMNEWS

### BIRTHS

**TO PIERRE GERVAIS '73** and Jocelyne (nee De Garie; a son Eric born on June 25 1976 at St. Mary's Hospital.

**TO MARSHALL '67** and Elizabeth twin boys Pierre and Marc on July 13, 1976. Sister Marie-Michele.

**TO ALEX '67** and Helen (nee Tessier) another daughter, Denise Liane on June 15, 1976. Sister Nadine Ilona.

### APPOINTMENT

**Claude Lafranconi '64** (B. Commerce) has just received his Ph.D. in Business from the University of Western Ontario School of Business Administration and is currently teaching in the School of Business at Western.

### MARRIAGE

**Alexandra Shtychno '72** married Wolodymyr Ronish on October 2, 1976 at

St. George's Greek Orthodox Church. Honeymoon in Mexico.

**Brian C. M. Barrett** is currently studying for his M.A. in Political Studies at Queen's University. He has been awarded the highest individual undergraduate award that Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity gives. The awarding of the honour will take place at Teke's Red Carnation Ball which will be held on January 29, 1977 at the Sheraton Mount Royal Hotel in Montreal.